design for the MEA HQ from the entries received from leading architects of India some six years ago; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIAJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The design entries submitted in the competition did not meet the requirements of the Ministry of External Affairs.

Mumbai as a global financial hub

2309. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has drawn up an ambitious Rs. 2.25 lakh crores action plan for the makeover of Mumbai, aimed to convert India's commercial capital into a global financial hub;

(b) if so, whether the State Government of Maharashtra is serious on transforming Mumbai into a global financial centre and the plan is aimed at transforming the Mumbai metropolitan region into a modern urban centre;

(c) whether the World Bank has made certain suggestions in this regard and are keen to provide assistance;

(d) whether the project would be completed by 2020; and

(e) by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (e) As informed by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), the Govt, of Maharashtra undertook preparation of a Business Plan for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) as a part of the Mumbai Transformation Project. The Vision Statement of the Business Plan is to "Transform MMR into a world class Metropolis with a vibrant economy and globally comparable quality of life for all its citizen". The total capital investment reqirements identified for a period upto 2011 are Rs. 2.94 lakh crore. The World Bank officials were consulted while preparing the Terms of Reference for the preparation of the Business Plan. The Business Plan identifies only sector-wise capital investment requirements upto the year 2021, which needs to be converted into projects before implementation.

Construction of houses by DDA under JNNURM

†2310. MS SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: